This Collection of Shakspeare's Pla
in seven Quarto volumes, (with which Se
which he constructed dramas, bound up among
must be considered as connected) forms
complete assemblage of the early edition
-tions that has ever been made. It w
Hamlet of 1604, King Richard II. 1597 King Henry IV. Part 1. 1598,
Adonis, &c 1593, to make it complete; an
plays it contains very early editions cop
collated with those original editions; an
piece (the Venus and Adonis of 1593) no cop
by any of the Collectors of these precious v
known to exist, though I have no doubt th
time it will be discovered. †

Having now finished my collection, a
many ancient editions of this great author
ever be able to procure, which I have bou
manner that they may be for ever preser
led to compare it with other similar a

The most curious and ample collectio
pieces, which have been since the time made, are,
preserved in the Library of Trinity College i
late Mr Stevens's, now deposited, 3 that form
Garrick, & the Collection of Mr Kemble of D
and 5, that of the late Mr Jennings of Gopsal in

† Pope's Collection wanted the three
wanting here, viz K. Richard II. 1597, K
and Hamlet, 1604. and also the Venus
It likewise wanted the Venus & Adonis,
The Sonnets, 1609, the of K. Henry V.
Part of the Contention &c which are found h

A copy was discovered at last and purchased by Mr Mal
in the year 1805 from Mr Todd's booksellers in

Manchester.

Hamlet 1604 Richard II 1597 Henry IV Part 1 1598
Midsummer Night's Dream 1600 Richard III 1597
Pope's Coll.n also wanted these two
copies of K Lear which are found here
in addition to the more common one
and he possessed & which is also here 594,